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In re application of: Rogers et al.

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FOR DELIVERING GLUCOSAMINE AND/OR N-
ACETYL-D-GLUCOSAMINE

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT

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An error appears in the official Filing Receipt issued for the above-identified patent application, as follows:


The Domestic Priority data as claimed by application should be amended as follows:

This application is a 371 of PCT/US03/34668 filed 10/31/2003,
which claims benefit of 60/423,119 filed 11/01/2002,
and is a CIP of 10/685,125 filed 10/13/2003,
which is a CIP of 10/326,549 filed 12/19/2002, PAT 7,049,433,
which is a continuation of 09/785,695 filed 02/16/2001 (abandoned),
which claims benefit of PCT/US02/04468 filed 02/15/2002.

Attached is a copy of the official Filing Receipt (Exhibit A) with the requested correction shown thereon. Also attached are copies of the Preliminary Amendment (Exhibit B) and the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (Exhibit C) that were submitted to the Patent Office on April 29, 2005, both of which have the correct priority data listed.

Please correct the identified error and issue a corrected official Filing Receipt.

Please call the undersigned if any further information is required.


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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/533,477**

Projected Publication Date: 11/02/2006

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No



Title

Multiple component food product useful for delivering glucosamine and/or n-acetyl-d-glucosamine

Preliminary Class

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the
application as follows to comply with national stage requirements.


Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.

An **Abstract** is attached as a separate page at the end of this document.

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:



This is the U.S. National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US2003/034668, filed October 31, 2003 (published in English under PCT Article 21(2)), which in turn ~~This application~~ claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/423,119, filed November 1, 2002, and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/685,125 filed October 13, 2003, which is a continuation-in-part of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/326,549 filed December 19, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/785,695 filed February 16, 2001, and which claims priority from PCT Application No. PCT/US02/04468 filed February 15, 2002, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph: It has previously been noted that GLCN is not stable at high temperatures, see U.S. Patent ~~6,423,929~~ 6,432,929. Therefore, in an attempt to avoid degradation of the cartilage health supplements U.S. Patent ~~6,423,929~~ 6,432,929 teaches that beverages that include GLCN are prepared using a process that requires two separate heating steps, to minimize chemical alteration of GLCN. The juice drink base is prepared using pasteurization at about 195°F for 42 seconds. A separate GLCN water-based solution is prepared at a temperature of below 160°F. These two solutions are mixed to form the GLCN-supplemented beverage. U.S. Patent ~~6,423,929~~ 6,432,929 also teaches incorporating cartilage health supplements into snack bars that are not heat-treated.

Please insert the Abstract, submitted herewith on a separate page, as page 27 at the end of the application.

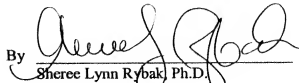
Remarks

By this amendment the specification has been updated to reflect prior related applications, to correct typographical errors, and to insert the abstract on a separate page.

No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed on _____ as United States Patent Application No. _____.
- ☒ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/US03/34668, filed on October 31, 2003, and as amended under PCT Articles 19 on _____ (if applicable).
- ☐ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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10/685,125	13 October 2003	Pending
10/326,549	19 December 2002	Pending
09/785,695	16 February 2001	Abandoned
PCT/US02/04468	15 February 2002	Completed

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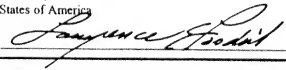

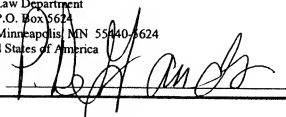
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